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*Thoughts on the Present Position of Protestantism.* By Adolf Harnack. Translated, with the author's sanction, by Thomas Bailey Saunders. (London: Adam & Charles Black, 1899; New York: imported by The Macmillan Co.; pp. 64; \$1.) This booklet contains the lecture delivered a year ago at Eisenach. An ecclesiastical press characterized it as a radical repudiation of Christianity and of the Christian belief founded on the historical fact of the revelation of God in Christ. Being thus the object of a bitter attack, and at the same time unwilling to enter into controversy with his accusers, Harnack had no other course than to give his address to the public, which he did in the *Christliche Welt*.

The translation gives the lecture in clear English, venturing, however, upon a few departures from the exact words of the original, with the author's full authority and approval. The substance of the address describes what the author calls the progressive Catholicization or "politicalization" of the state church of Germany (and of England indirectly), laments the threatened danger, points out counter-balancing considerations, and insists upon faithfulness to the duty of the hour.

It would be difficult to say too much in praise of the historical insight, theological interpretation, spiritual sympathy, intellectual honesty, and keen timeliness of this book. It closes as follows:

If, having broken with the intellectualism of the old Protestant system, our national churches are in danger of going over to a sham Catholicism, in what light are we to regard our position in the church? . . . We must build and have patience. We can neither lead the churches as they exist, nor destroy them, nor can we wish to set up new ones. We are members of a national church, where we have received our vocation. We know that in the chief articles of evangelical belief we are one with it, and in it, too. We have plenty of room, plenty of freedom, to live and work as our consciences dictate. Struggles there will be; they will wax hotter, but even the highest and the mightiest will never make us weary, and never make us other than cheerful. *Impossibile est ut non latatur qui sperat in Domino!*

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